

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 18, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 6-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over An (U.S. Patent 6,392,724) in view of Wang (U.S. Patent 6,600,394 B1). Applicants note that there is a typographical error in the Office Action in the patent number of An.

Applicants note that An is not prior art. The U.S. filing date of An, Feb. 23, 2001, is after the foreign priority date of the present application, August 21, 2000. However, even if An were prior art, An and the present application are commonly owned by LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd., and thus An can also be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c). Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection based on An.

Applicants believe the foregoing discussion places the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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